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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF CANADIAN FISHING BOAT

1. THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN
PREPARED FOR THE NOON BRIEFING:

BEGIN TEXT

QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT A CANADIAN VESSEL WAS SEIZED
YESTERDAY ON THE STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA?

ANSWER: ON AUGUST 21, 1978, THE CANADIAN FISHING VESSEL
NP 390 WAS SEIZED FOR ILLEGALLY FISHING WITHIN US WATERS.
THIS VESSEL WAS APPREHENDED IN THE STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA
ABOUT 20 MILES FROM PORT ANGELES. THE VESSEL WAS FOUND
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1,000 YARDS INSIDE US WATERS. THIS WAS IN AN UNDISPUTED
AREA. THE 32 FOOT FISHING VESSEL WAS FISHING WITH A GILL
NET AND WAS CATCHING SALMON. THE VESSEL IS PRESENTLY AT
NEAH BAY, WASHINGTON, AWAITING LEGAL PROCESS.

QUESTION: WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS HAVE ON THE FISHERIES
NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITH CANADA?

ANSWER: THIS IS AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE MATTER.

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2. BEGIN LOU. FYI. AS THIS WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION IN
UNDISPUTED US WATERS WE HAD NO BASIS FOR OBJECTING TO THE
SEIZURE. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONSULTING WITH THE US ATTORNEY
CONCERNED SEEKING TO ASSURE THAT THE CASE WILL BE HANDLED
IN AN EXPEDITIOUS, LOW-KEY MANNER THAT WILL MINIMIZE ITS
IMPACT ON US/CANADIAN RELATIONS. COAST GUARD MESSAGES ON
THE SEIZURE ARE BEING REPEATED OTTAWA FOR YOUR BACKGROUND
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